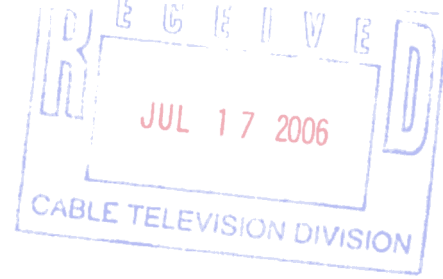


July 12, 2006

Alicia Matthews
Director, Cable Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110



Dear Ms. Matthews,

To bring more cable choice to consumers as soon as possible, Verizon recently submitted a proposal to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) that encourages a shorter and more predictable timeline for the competitive local cable franchise process.

As a Verizon employee and consumer of cable services, I am asking that you move quickly to adopt this proposal. The current local cable franchise process is outdated. It simply encourages a monopoly system that costs consumers a lot of money.

In addition, these proposed changes in regulations not only foster competition, which will benefit consumers with lower prices, enhanced offerings and better customer service, but they also will benefit Massachusetts with more technology deployment and communications infrastructure investment.

The time has come to make some changes in the existing process. Please move forward to bring the benefits of cable TV competition to consumers, along with new technology investment to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner James Connelly
Commissioner W. Robert Keating
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